

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[SB 16](#) (Thomas)

Prostate Cancer Research Fund: The fund would be created by Senate Bill 16, introduced by Sen. Thomas. Under SB 16 (S-1), money in the fund would be used to provide grants to medical schools located in the state, hospitals located in the state that specialize in cancer treatment, and hospitals located in an urbanized area that provide services to African-American men. Funds may be used as matching funds for a federal grant or a grant from the National Cancer Institute. Funds would be available for distribution upon appropriation.

- SB 16 was passed [RC 480: 103 yes, 2 no]
IE was ordered [No RC]

[SB 348](#) (Birkholz)

Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research: The fund would be created by Senate Bill 348, introduced by Sen. Birkholz. Under SB 348 (S-1), money in the fund would generally be used to support breast cancer research and to provide information to the public about the value of breast cancer research and early detection. The Department of Community Health would solicit and approve of proposals receiving funds, and would give priority to applicants located in the state. Funding would be available for distribution upon appropriation.

- SB 348 was passed [RC 481: 103 yes, 2 no]
IE was ordered [No RC]

SB 350

(Garcia)

Animal Welfare Fund: The fund would be created by Senate Bill 350, introduced by Sen. Garcia. Under SB 350 (S-1), money in the fund would be used to provide grants to animal control shelters, animal protection shelters, and nonprofit organizations to promote the sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to improve awareness of the proper care of animals, to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals, and for the purchase of equipment and supplies in furtherance of the state purposes. Money received from the fund could not be used by the recipients to supplant existing funds.

- SB 350 was passed [RC 482: 100 yes, 7 no]
IE was ordered [No RC]

HB 5034

(Sheltrown)

House Bill 5034 would define "**agricultural use**" as it is defined in Section 36101 of Part 361 (Farmland and Open Space Preservation) of NREPA, MCL 324.36101: "Agricultural use" means the production of plants and animals useful to humans, including forages and sod crops; grains, feed crops, and field crops; dairy and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock, including breeding and grazing of cattle, swine, captive cervidae, and similar animals; berries; herbs; flowers; seeds; grasses; nursery stock; fruits; vegetables; Christmas trees; and other similar uses and activities. Agricultural use includes use in a federal acreage set-aside program or a federal conservation reserve program. Agricultural use does not include the management and harvesting of a woodlot.

- HB 5034 was passed [RC 483: 102 yes, 5 no]
IE was ordered [No RC]

HB 5035

(Mayes)

In general, House Bill 5035 would amend Section 8517 of Part 85 (Fertilizers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.8517) which sets forth the conditions under which local units of government may adopt fertilizer ordinances. Currently, with certain exceptions, local ordinances relating to the manufacture, storage, distribution, or sale of fertilizers are preempted. Under the bill, ordinances relating to the "agricultural use" of fertilizers would also be preempted unless an exception applied. House Bill 5034 would define the meaning of "agricultural use." The two bills are tie-barred, meaning that unless both are enacted, neither will take effect.

- HB 5035 was passed [RC 484: 103 yes, 4 no]
IE was ordered [No RC]

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[HR 216](#) (Dillon)

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for James N. Callahan, former member of the House of Representatives.

- HR 216 was adopted